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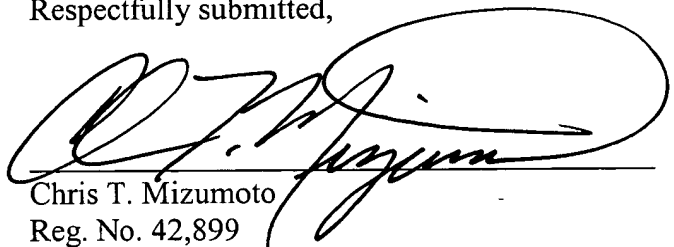
Claims 1 to 7 are pending. Claim 3 has been amended to correct the improper dependence of a multiple dependent claim depending on another multiple dependent claim. Claim 6 has been amended to correct a misspelling. Claims 8 to 12, which correspond to claims 3 to 7, respectively, have been added to account for the dependencies deleted by the amendment to claim 3.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. The total claim fee is based on the above amendment. There are total of 20 claims, including the multiple dependent claims. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 3 and 6 have been amended as follows:

3. The method of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the determination of the concentration of human lipocalin-type prostaglandin D synthase in a body fluid sample is performed by an immunological assay method.

6. (Amended) The method of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the renal diseases are associated with [hypertensiton] hypertension or lipid metabolic disorder.

Claims 8-12 have been added.

8. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the determination of the concentration of human lipocalin-type prostaglandin D synthase in a body fluid sample is performed by an immunological assay method.

9. (New) The method of any one of claims 8, wherein the renal disease is accompanied with glomerular lesions.

10. (New) The method of any one of claims 8, wherein the renal diseases are associated with hypertensiton or lipid metabolic disorder.

11. (New) The method of any one of claims 8, wherein the renal disease is nephropathy.

12. (New) The method of any one of claims 8, wherein the renal disease is glomerulonephritis, nephrotic syndrome, diabetic nephropathy, nephrosclerosis, polycystic kidney or renal failure.

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